



## **Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians**

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Director  
Office of Child Care  
330 C ST SW, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

### **1. Direct Services/Subsidies**

- As a small grantee, the CTSI plans to temporarily extend eligibility to all CTSI families within our service area. The CTSI plans to increase payment rates for Family Home Providers. The CTSI plans to temporarily support a Staff Retention Bonus for the Childcare Workers at our tribally operated center, the Tenas Illahee Child Care Center.

### **2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices**

- The CTSI plans to provide assistance to our tribally operated center, Tenas Illahee Child Care Center, to address virus mitigation policies and practices for purchasing a Zono Sanitizing Cabinet, Sanitizing Mats, Outside Playground Structures, Outside Shade Structure, and to replace the HVAC system. The CTSI plans to provide assistance to Family Home Providers and Centers that provide care to tribal children to ensure they are able to meet virus mitigation requirements.

### **3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers**

- The CTSI plans to develop a Mini Grant process to support Family Home Providers and Centers serving tribal children to ensure stabilization of their operations so they will be able to continue providing childcare services.

### **4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**

- The CTSI plans to conduct a survey of Childcare Providers not participating in our subsidy system to determine if there are needs for assistance to support cleaning, sanitation or other activities necessary to maintain or resume operations of programs, including for fixed costs and increased operating expenses.

### **5. Other**

- The CTSI plans to develop 2 staff positions to assist with developing updated policies and procedures for the CCDF program, to assist with monitoring of Family Home Providers, which will also include supporting providers with meeting all health and safety requirements, and to develop a Childcare Start-up Program to increase the availability of childcare for tribal children and to assist providers with developing quality childcare services including cultural activities and a structured learning program designed to meet the needs of the tribal children in their care.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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